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District Attorney Daniel F. Conley  
Suffolk County District Attorney's Office  
One Bulfinch Place  
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Dear District Attorney Conley,

I am writing to inform you that we investigated a breach of the recording protocol with respect to a single batch of ninety drug samples tested at the William A. Hinton State Laboratory Institute on June 14, 2011. At the conclusion of our investigation, there was no evidence that this breach in protocol had any impact of the integrity of the samples or the accuracy of the sample analysis. In addition, these samples were received exclusively from Norfolk County; no samples from any other county were involved.

Please be assured that measures were immediately taken to ensure the continued proper compliance with protocol procedures.

Sincerely,

Linda Han, MD, MPH, Director  
Bureau of Laboratory Sciences